

Sunderland Selectboard
Monday, October 4, 2021

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, C. Drake-Tremblay, G. Kravitz
Others present: N. Pick, A. Larose
Meeting: Hybrid: in person and remote, recorded by FCAT
Meeting called to order at 6:38PM.

MINUTES

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to approve minutes of September 27, 2021, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

BUSINESS

- ONE DAY ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATIONS for David Wissemann for additional “Beer Maze” events at Mike’s MAZE in the back of 23 N. Main Street, on October 15 with rain date of October 16, October 22 with rain date of October 23, and October 29 with rain date of October 30; all events will be held 6-9PM. These are ticketed events for patrons over 21 with 6 breweries represented at each event, Mr. Pierce motion to grant three (3) 1-day Alcohol Licenses to David Wissemann for “Beer Maze” events at Mikes Maze from 6-9PM on 10/15/2021, rain date 10/16/2021; 10/22/2021 rain date 10/23/2021 and 10/29/2021 rain date 10/30/2021. Ms. Drake-Tremblay second, Vote 3-0.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Fire Chief Benjamin appeared before the Board. He announced it was Fire Safety week in Mass; the theme is “know the sounds of fire safety.” He reminded the community that it is a good time to check CO and smoke detectors, replace batteries as needed or replace units as recommended due to lifespan of devices. Information will be added to the Fire Department and Town’s websites for the community.
- FIRST RESPONDERS FESTIVAL being held October 8th 3:30pm-8pm at the Elementary School. Fire, Police, State Police and other public safety personnel and equipment will be on hand and demos are scheduled for visitors. Food items will also be offered. This is a family-friendly community event.
- BOARD OF HEALTH CHAIR Caitlyn Rock appeared to report on latest active COVID-19 cases. One case reported in the last 12 days. On 9/15/21 the Board of Health called an emergency meeting due to 23 cases for the weeks of 9.1.21 - 9.15.21. The numbers have not plateaued and it is too early to lift mandates. The Board is still monitoring activity and will re-evaluate at their meeting on 10/25/21. Community members have been invited to the Board’s meeting to address concerns or ask questions regarding mandates received via calls or emails but no one has attended. The Franklin County case reporting dashboard only updates on Thursdays and data is two weeks behind and is not current with today’s cases retrieved from MAVEN.
- OPEN SPACE and RECREATION PLAN FINAL document was presented by Nancy Pick, Chair of the ad hoc committee and Alyssa LaRose from FRCOG who worked with the committee. Last plan was completed in 2014. The plan update is required within seven years of prior version to remain eligible for grant funding. The new plan detailed several accomplishments since 2014. The final version will be made available on the town’s website and printed copies made available for the library and the office for viewing. Ms. Pick thanked her co-committee members: M. Arquin, J. Unkles, T. Jones, and D. Fulton in addition to Ms. LaRose. Mr. Fydenkevez expressed how fortunate the town was to have long term members with such a wealth of expertise sitting on the town’s important boards and committees. Mr. Kravitz also noted the town received a DLTA grant from the FRCOG to assist with this project as well.

OLD BUSINESS

- SELECTBOARD UPDATES: Mr. Pierce noted the BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE met last week to review prior projects and status. The next meeting is October 14th.
 - Mr. Fydenkevez updated that the Senior Center had a mold review and report was given to Deerfield. The SCSC Board of Oversight meets October 6th. Some programs are being

held outside but will diminish as the weather turns. Programs have begun in the fellowship hall as well.

- The SCEMS services are realizing increased service requests. It is believed that COVID prevented people from seeking hospital treatments and therefore ambulance services were not used as frequently. Staffing and other service concerns are being adjusted as needed.

- TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

- North Main St. last week of construction is approaching. Surface paving and millings will be done under the coordination with the Highway Superintendent and the contractor to be sure all low spots are paved properly to prevent ponding. The town is aware of the garden destruction on the north-west side of the town center. The town administrator has notified the contractor regarding lack of communication. We are seeking restitution from the company to compensate and restore. We will assess damages to report the to the contractor.
- Energy Committee was working on next submission which was due this Friday but as of 5pm today, the energy consultant's proposal had not been received. It was recommended the Energy Committee wait until the spring submission round to allow ample time to review recommendations.
- Town Offices closed Mon. October 11, 2021

- Next Selectboard meeting is October 18, 2021, 6:30PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Drake-Tremblay motion to adjourn at 8:40PM, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Z.' or similar, written in a cursive style.